



# **The Dragon Foundation**

**Annual Report 2005-2006**

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# History

2000, the start of the new millennium, was the Year of the Dragon in Chinese culture. To celebrate, The Hong Kong Federation of Youth Groups, the Home Affairs Bureau of the HKSAR Government and the All-China Youth Federation co-organized the project "*Dragon at the Great Wall – Commemorating the New Millennium: a Vision for Youth*". It represented a long-term pledge to foster the development of young people of Chinese descent around the world as leaders of tomorrow. The project was very well received and supported by the community. It has raised more than HK\$30 million for its three major components: two large-scale youth exchange programmes in Beijing and the setting up of The Dragon Foundation in Hong Kong.

A Youth Conference on "*Meeting the Challenges of the New Millennium*" was held on 18 February 2000 at the Great Hall of the People in Beijing. "*Visualizing the Trends of Global Development and the Challenges of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century*" was its main theme. On 19 February 2000, more than three thousand Chinese youth from many different countries raised a 10,000-foot-long dragon on the Great Wall, successfully breaking the current Guinness World Record for the longest dragon dance.

The Dragon Foundation was inaugurated on 12 February 2000 in Hong Kong. Its long-term commitment is to nurture potential young Chinese leaders and to emphasize the vigour and spirit that were expressed by the Youth Conference and the Dragon Dance. The Hon. Tung Chee-hwa, then Chief Executive of HKSAR, officiated at the inaugural ceremony. The Foundation was incorporated under the Companies Ordinance in Hong Kong and registered as a non-profit making, charitable organization. The fundamental objectives of the Foundation are to develop leadership skills and innovative aptitude among youth of Chinese origin and to facilitate exchange networks among them. Objectives include providing opportunities for community building and recognizing outstanding achievements of youth in various professions. A Board of Directors for the Foundation was set up, including representatives of the HKSAR Government and prominent leaders from various sectors of the community. The Foundation's Secretariat is administered by The Hong Kong Federation of Youth Groups.

# Vision

The Dragon Foundation will facilitate networks among Chinese youth worldwide while encouraging them to be creative and to participate in community building. The Dragon Foundation will promote Chinese culture and heritage in a commitment to a more harmonious world.

# Objectives

The Dragon Foundation aims:

- to develop leadership skills
- to establish an exchange network among Chinese youth
- to facilitate the development of innovative potential
- to provide opportunities and ways to participate in community building
- to honour outstanding Chinese youth in various professions

# Board of Directors

## **Honorary Advisor**

Professor Sir Harry FANG Sin-yang, GBM, KB, CBE, LLD, JP

## **Chairman**

The Hon. Sir YANG Ti-liang, GBM, JP

## **Directors** (in alphabetical order)

Professor CHANG Hsin-kang, GBS, JP, Lég d' Hon, FREng

Professor Edward CHEN Kwan-yiu, GBS, CBE, JP

Dr. Victor FUNG Kwok-king, GBS

Mr. Philip KAN Siu-lun

Mr. David LAN Hong-tsung, GBS, ISO, JP

Ms. Shelley LEE Lai-kuen, GBS, OBE

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The Hon. LEUNG Chun-ying, GBS, JP

Mr. Richard LI Tzar-kai

Dr. Vincent LO Hong-sui, GBS, JP

Mr. Greg SO Kam-leung, JP

Dr. TAM Wing-kun, BBS, MBE, JP

Dr. Lawrence T. WONG

Dr. Rosanna WONG Yick-ming, DBE, JP

Dr. YEOH Eng-kiong, GBS, OBE, JP

## **Honorary Auditor**

Dr. Eric LI Ka-cheung, GBS, JP

## **Honorary Secretary**

Mr. Lester Garson HUANG, JP

# Executive Committee

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# Fund Raising Panel

**Chairperson:**

Dr. TAM Wing-kun, BBS, MBE, JP

**Vice Chairpersons:**

Mr. CHAN Kwok-chiu, MH

Mrs. Pamela TAN KAM Mi-wah, JP (March 2005-)

**Members:** (in alphabetical order)

Mr. Bunny CHAN Chung-bun, BBS, JP

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Miss Junia HO Suk-yin, JP

Mr. Raymond LEE, BBS

Mr. MA Ching-nam

Mr. Wilfred NG Sau-kei, MH

Mr. Edward PONG Chong, BBS, JP

Mr. Stephen SY Chin-mong, JP

Mr. Raphael TONG Tai-wai, MH

Mr. Peter WONG Kwok-keung, JP

Mr. Stanley YEUNG Chee-tat

# Message from the Chairman

I'm pleased to see the solid progress achieved by all The Dragon Foundation programmes and activities since the launch in 2000 and now there are signs of yet stronger growth in the near future.

This was both a rewarding and challenging year for The Foundation. It was a year when we refined programmes and took new initiatives. As Chairman, I am pleased to share with you this report on how the Foundation has begun to bear fruit.

Overall, it was a year in which The Foundation started to benefit from the synergy created by earlier efforts. We focused on three key activities: the *Global Citizenship Programme*, the *Dragon 100 Young Chinese Leaders Forum* and the *Lecture Series for Youth Leaders*. Thirty outstanding local university students went on a 9-day *Global Citizenship* study tour to New York and Washington, DC and a hundred Chinese youth leaders from 16 locations took part in the *Dragon 100 2005 Forum* in Hong Kong and Shanghai.

In the *Lecture Series for Youth Leaders* this year we were privileged by three guest speakers. They were Lin Hwai Min, choreographer, recipient of the Ramon Magsaysay Award and founder of the Cloud Gate Dance Theatre in Taiwan, Yao Ming, the famous Chinese NBA player and Hong Kong pianist Colleen Lee, winner of 6<sup>th</sup> prize at the International Frederic Chopin Piano Competition.

Despite improvements in the Hong Kong economy in the past year, fund raising has been difficult and the Foundation has worked hard to launch new initiatives to draw more attention and support. The generosity of donors meant we raised net proceeds of around HK\$670,000 at the Broadway musical, *The Sound of Music*, Charity Premiere in September 2005. We are very grateful to all our generous sponsors, both individual and corporate. We also owe sincere thanks to the Fund Raising Panel Members and the Organizing Committee of the Charity Premiere for their concerted efforts.

Indeed, thanks go to all government departments, universities, corporations, organizations and individuals who have contributed to the success of our programmes. I am confident that our highly dedicated Directors and Fund Raising Panel members will grasp all opportunities to build further, expand programmes, deepen community relationships and nurture young Chinese people as tomorrow's leaders.

I take this opportunity to express my gratitude and sincere appreciation to my fellow Directors, and on behalf of the Board, all management and staff members for their hard work and contributions.



# Administrative Review

## **The Secretariat**

This year, the Secretariat experienced some major staff changes. Ms. Phoenix NGAI was seconded by The Hong Kong Federation of Youth Groups in December 2005 to succeed Ms. Eva TSEUNG as Secretary-General. Ms. Snowie HO succeeded Ms. Amanda LEUNG as Project Manager in February 2006. With the help of temporary staff member in August, we were able to maintain efficient and effective programmes.

## **Financial Results**

The audited financial statements of the Foundation for the financial year 2005/2006 showed a total revenues of HK\$7,977,809 against a total operating expenses of HK\$4,057,058. The total reserves of the Foundation as at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2006 were HK\$38,062,033.

Details of income and expenditure can be found in the Auditors' Report and Accounts.

# Programmes and Activities

## 1. Dragon 100 Young Chinese Leaders Forum 2005

Since it began in 2002, the *Dragon 100* Forum has become an annual flagship programme. It brings together young leaders of Chinese origin from around the world to form networks and generate synergy which enables them to contribute to a better society. In 2005, with generous sponsorship of HK\$500,000 from the Board of Management of the Chinese Permanent Cemeteries (BMCPC), the *Dragon 100 Young Chinese Leaders Forum* took place from 21-29 August 2005 in Hong Kong and Shanghai.

The 100 selected Chinese youth leaders came from 16 locations: Australia, Canada, France, Indonesia, Macau, Malaysia, New Zealand, Singapore, Switzerland, Taiwan, Thailand, the Philippines, the United Kingdom, the United States, Mainland China and Hong Kong. They were chosen from over 500 nominations made by top universities, Chinese communities and international corporations all over the world. A rigorous selection process was undertaken by Professor Wong Yuk-shan, then Vice-President of City University of Hong Kong, Dr. Lawrence T. Wong, Director of The Dragon Foundation and Chief Executive of The Hong Kong Jockey Club and Mr. Paul Chan, JP, Deputy Director of The Hong Kong Federation of Youth Groups. The 100 young delegates aged between 18 and 35 had demonstrated prowess in their academic fields, other special talents and a commitment to their community.

The theme of the Forum was “Opportunities in China: a Vision for a Shared Future.” The opening ceremony in Hong Kong was on 22 August at the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre. The Foundation was honoured to have Mr. Li Gang, Deputy Director of the Liaison Office of the Central People’s Government in the HKSAR, and Mr. Stephen Lam, Secretary for Constitutional Affairs of the HKSAR, as Guests of Honour at the ceremony. Directors and Members of the Foundation, Consuls-General and distinguished community leaders also attended the event.

During the eight-day programme, the young leaders met eminent people in Hong Kong and Shanghai. They also visited government bodies, top corporations, educational bodies and research institutions in Hong Kong and Shanghai. Exchanges were made with local young people, mainland universities and cultural activities were arranged. This type of programme broadens horizons and encourages delegates to equip themselves with the skills and knowledge they need to tackle future challenges.

## **2. Global Citizenship Programme**

This programme is a Foundation initiative whereby local university students are sent abroad to develop an international perspective to help them become “Global Citizens.” Thirty outstanding undergraduates nominated by 9 local universities were selected by Ms. Shelley Lee Lai-kuen, Director of The Dragon Foundation and former Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs of the HKSAR, Ms. Teri Ng, Director of Fast East Law and Corporate Affairs of Microsoft Hong Kong and Ms. Kathy Wong Bun, Secretary of the Advisory Committee of The Hongkong Bank Foundation. The students were sponsored by the Foundation to attend a 9-day training programme in New York and Washington, DC, from 17 to 25 June 2005. During the programme, they visited various international organizations and companies, such as the United Nations, the World Bank, the International Monetary Fund and the Pepsi Cola Company. They also had the opportunity to discuss global issues with renowned scholars and experts from American universities and non-government organizations.

A commissioning ceremony was held in Hong Kong on 15 June 2005 at the Hong Kong Central Library with Professor Edward Chen, GBS, CBE, JP, President of Lingnan University and Director of the Foundation, as Guest of Honour and Keynote Speaker.

An opening ceremony was held at the United Nations in New York. The Foundation was privileged to have Mr. Wang Guangya, Permanent Representative of the People’s Republic of China to the United Nations, as Guest of Honour. We were also honoured to have Mr. Oyunnu Olara, United Nations Under-Secretary-General and Special Representative for Children and Armed Conflict as the guest speaker at the ceremony. Both guests were very impressed with the student delegates and encouraged them to take home what they had learnt in the US to Hong Kong. Dr Rosanna Wong, acting as host, reminded them of their role and duties as cultural ambassadors and global citizens on this trip. The students felt duly privileged to have met such high-profile speakers in person and to have gained insight into how young people might contribute towards the alleviation of global problems.

The programme aroused much attention both in the Chinese community and the New York community at large, bringing recognition and support for the work of the Foundation. It was such a success that the Foundation plans to run a similar programme again next year.

## **3. Lecture Series for Youth Leaders**

This is one of our longer standing programmes and has always been well received. This year we had two renowned speakers from the arts and one world famous Chinese athlete as guest speakers.

### **1. Mr. Lin Hwai Min**

On 8 May 2005, the Foundation was privileged to hear Mr. Lin Hwai Min,

world famous Chinese choreographer, founder of the Cloud Gate Dance Theatre of Taiwan and recipient of the Ramon Magsaysay Award. Mr. Lin shared the creative ideas behind his latest works with about 300 young art lovers at the Hong Kong Cultural Centre. Participants were duly impressed by Mr. Lin's creativity and artistic achievements.

2. Mr. Yao Ming

On 22 September 2005, the Foundation was proud to have Mr. Yao Ming, the famous Chinese NBA player as guest speaker. Dr. David D Ho, Scientific Director & CEO of the Aaron Diamond AIDS research Centre, New York, and Dr. Rosanna Wong, Director of the Foundation, were moderators for Mr. Yao Ming. Over 3,000 young people gathered at the Queen Elizabeth Stadium to listen to him talk about his experience and positive attitude to life. He also gave on-site coaching to around 100 young basketball players to help them improve their skills.

3. Ms Colleen Lee

Ms. Colleen Lee, the Hong Kong pianist who won 6th prize at the International F Chopin piano competition in Warsaw in 2005, was guest speaker at the 12th lecture in the series on 6 November 2005 at the Ko Shan Theatre. Apart from sharing her experience of the road to success, an audience of over 800 young people had the chance to hear a live performance of her beautiful music.

#### **4. Charity Premiere of the Broadway Musical "Sound of Music"**

With generous support from the organizers, the Foundation held a Charity Premiere of "The Sound of Music" on 23 September 2005 at the Hong Kong Academy of Performing Arts. The premiere attracted an audience of 1,300 and we were privileged to have The Hon Elsie Leung, GBM, JP, former Secretary for Justice, as Guest of Honour. The premiere gave us the chance to enjoy this very well received stage production while supporting the Foundation's work. The event raised net proceeds of around HK\$670,000 to support the development and leadership training of outstanding young people in Hong Kong.

Many distinguished guests, including Consuls-General, senior government officials, community leaders, celebrities and socialites were there and the event drew much media attention.

#### **5. The Hong Kong Melody Makers**

The Dragon Foundation shares The Hong Kong Federation of Youth Groups' vision of this new youth choir and has made a 3-year sponsorship commitment. The choir was officially launched in March 2006 with an Inaugural Concert in April. Its aim is to reflect Hong Kong's vivacious creative spirit and give voice to its cosmopolitan vitality through song. Choir members are outstanding, dynamic young people with artistic talent. Their shared passion for music benefits the entire community, enriching Hong Kong's cultural life and

promoting choral music in the territory. The choir has now more than 40 outstanding young singers aged between 16 and 30.

The Advisory Committee is chaired by Professor Chan Wing-wah, JP, Chairman of The Chinese University of Hong Kong Music Department. Mr Patrick Chu, the Music Director of The Hong Kong Federation of Youth Groups, is in charge of the choir. He is active on the local music scene and has both commissioned and premiered a number of new works by local composers. In 2002 he was invited to conduct the full-length original musical “Obsession.”

## Photos of Foundation activities

The places we go. The people we meet. The things we do: Togetherness

Just a few of the many events and activities the Foundation has hosted in 2005/2006. We go places and insist on personal experience- because nothing can replace what we see with our own eyes, what we experience first-hand.

These moments in time shape The Dragon Foundation, its future development and its image. We are looking forward to sharing such a moment with you.



Lecture Series for Youth Leaders - Mr. Lin Hwai Min (8 May 2005)





## Lecture Series for Youth Leaders – Mr. Yao Ming (22 September 2005)







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